

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 93-504-C - ORDER NO. 93-951✓
OCTOBER 15, 1993

IN RE: GTE South, Inc. - Investigation of) ORDER GRANTING
Level of Earnings.) MOTION FOR
) DECLARATORY ORDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Motion for Declaratory Order filed by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate). Following the South Carolina Supreme Court's decision in South Carolina Cable Television Association v. The Public Service Commission of South Carolina, et al., Op. No. 23917 (S.C. Sup. Ct., filed August 9, 1993), the Commission initiated a review of the earnings, rate of return, and rates of GTE South, Inc. (GTE) to address the potential for a prospective rate reduction (See Docket No. 93-504-C.) By its Motion for Declaratory Order, the Consumer Advocate asks the Commission to declare that Docket No. 93-504-C will be the venue for all matters that parties wish to raise with regard to GTE's earnings.

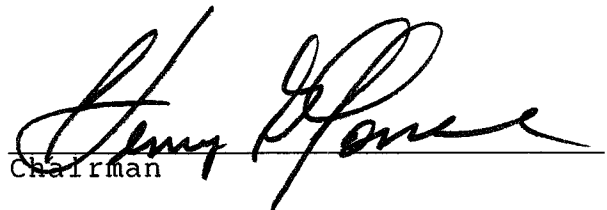
By its Motion, the Consumer Advocate does not request that the Commission make any ruling on the merits of such matters, only that the Commission agree to address the matters in the context of this proceeding. The Consumer Advocate asserts that the practical

effect of such a Declaratory Order would be to put all parties on notice that the review of 1992 company earnings, which will be used to determine an appropriate revenue requirement going forward, could also, if the Commission deems it appropriate, be used to determine potential refunds, credits, or further adjustments to rates going forward.

The Commission believes, and so finds, that the Motion of the Consumer Advocate for Declaratory Order should be granted and hereby orders that Docket No. 93-504-C will be the venue for all matters which the parties may wish to raise with regard to GTE's earnings. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)